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THEREWITH

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 24, 2006, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-13). With respect to the Election of Species requirement within the species of acid-fast bacterium, Applicants elect M. Tuberculosis without traverse. Claims 11 and 28 are readable upon the elected species. Generic claims are present.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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